

## By the Mayor.



Whereas not onely of Common vsage and auncient custome vsed within this honorable Citie, But also of & by the olde lawes & ordinaunces made and executed in the same Citie it is manifest That all manner of Commodities, Clothes and Marchandizes made and wrought within the kyngdome of England and dominions of the same, brought vnto the sayd Citie to be sold, were and ought to be brought vnto suche common market places as to that purpose within the same Citie was appoynted, And there onely and not els where ought to be bought and sold, And the owners therof did there pay Halladge and other duties, whiche was so done as well that good and lawfull wares should be bought and sold & corrupt and vnlawfull bargaynes and contractes tending to the deceite of the people, & contrary to the lawes of the Realme might be auoyded: As also that there might be no forreyn bying and selleng in fraude of the liberties, franchises, and customes of the sayd Citie being confirmed & ratified by act of Parliament.

And where of late yeaeres dyuers sortes of Cloth and other Commodities and marchandizes some of wolles onely, and some of wollen and linnen wouen together haue bene and are dayly made & wrought within this realme and the dominions therof and dayly and from tyme to tyme are brought to this Citie there to be sold, And because they are not called by any of the same names that the clothes of wollen or Linnen of the former auncient tyme were (although they consist of the same substance) The makers and marchautes therof pretend a libertie to them selues to make their markets therof, and to buy and sell the same in Innes, chambers, and warehouses and all other partes of this Citie and Liberties therof at their pleasure, As well in the great deceite of many her Maiesties louing Subiectes, and more easye vtterance of naughtye and deceitfull wares: As also to the redier and more easye intruding vpon the liberties of this Citie by forren bying and selleng: Therfore in remedye of the sayd disorders, The Lord Mayor and his worshipfull brethren thaldermen, and the common counsell of this Citie now assembled do ordeyne and enact, That from henceforth all manner of clothes of newe deuise, commodities and marchaundizes aforesayd made of wolles or of wollen & linnen together (not accustomed heretofore to be brought to Blackwellhall, which hereafter shalbe brought to this Citie to be solde, shall be wholly brought to the common market place named the wasted halle situate at the Northend, of thold Iurpe in the ward of Bassinghall within this Citie, And there from henceforth shalbe bought and solde and not elsewhere within the liberties of the same Citie, And that no person or persons free of this Citie or any other dwelling within the liberties therof, or hauing any house shop or rompyth within the same Citie or liberties therof shall from henceforth there or elsewhere within the same libertyes take in, receiue, harbor or bestowe, or suffer to be taken in, receyued, harbored, or bestowed, any of the sayd clothes of newe deuise, Commodities or Marchandizes before the same be brought to the market place aforesaid therunto appoynted and there harbored, taken in, bought and solde.

And by authoritie aforesayd it is enacted and ordayned that the markets for the sayd clothes of newe deuise commodities and marchandizes aforesayd shall and may be from henceforth weekly had and kept in the hall or market place aforesayd every Tuesday & Wednesday fro viii. vntill xi. of the clocke in the forenoone, and from one vntill foure of the clocke in the afternoone. And it is further ordained by authoritie aforesayd, That from henceforth the officers of the sayd hall and market place or some of them shalbe attendaunt at the sayd hall to receaue the premisses from tyme to tyme, who shall and may take for hallage & and other charges of the sayd Clothes of newe deuise, commodities, and marchandizes such rates for such tyme and in such sorte as followeth. That is to say:

Narrow Rashe for Dobytyng conteyning xxx. yeaeres the doble peere, for hallage. s. d.

Brode Rashe for Clokes and other garmentes conteyning from 20. to 25. yeaeres the peere. ij. d.

Borratose wrought with silk conteining vnder 20 yeaeres ob. and the doble peere aboute 25. yeaeres. i. d.

Blomites wrought with silke or otherwise the single peere, ob. and the doble peere. i. d.

Carrels conteining xiiii. yeaeres a peere one farthing.

Worsted hose the dozen payre. ii. d.

For which gartryng the grosse. ob.

Stowle lace and penny bredth lace the dozen grosse i. d.

Crewell or worsted yearne the dozen pound i. d.

Fringes the dozen pound weight i. d.



And th t when as the halladge and other dueties according to the rates aforesayd shalbe payd, the officer or his deputy in that case appoynted shall strike a seale of lead vpon euery particuler peece of the sayd marchaunt wizes aswell in discharge of the owner from any redemaund thereof, as also to charge the same officer with the mony receaued. And bycause in experience not onely touching the last recyted premisses but also touching diuers auncient sortes of Cloth, diuers disorders are dayly committed: It is also by auctorite aforesayd ordeyned that if any of the premisses aunciently made or of new deuise or heareafter to be deuised & made within this Realme and Dominions thereof shalbe brought to this Cittie to be sould, That the same seuerally shalbe brought to the sayd seuerall markets and there to be harborred and not els where till the same be first bought & sold within one of the same markets. And that if any of the premisses shalbe bought in the Countrey by any former bargayne by any freeman of this Cittie and after brought heither that the same or a trew certificate therof shalbe presented at such of the sayd halls as apperteineth as aforesayd And the hallage therefore payd or a bill therefore geuen by the same freeman to the ordinarie officer before the same shalbe receyued or harborred vpon payne that euery freeman and forreine dwelling in this Cittie or the liberties therof which shall receyue or harbor any of the premisses otherwise or contrary to the trew meaning of the ordinaunces aforesayd shall forfeit & pay to thuse of the cominaltie of this Cittie for euery broade Cloth so harborred vi.s viii.d. for euery kersey iii.s. iiii.d. for euery Bridgewater xx.d. and for euery other of the auncient wollen clothes accordingly in an equal rate for euery worsted iiis. iiii.d. for euery tuffed mockado xx.d. and for euery other of the premisses of new deuise now being or heareafter to be accordingly in an equall rate and for auoyding all pretence of excuse that the premisses shalbe forthwith publikely proclaymed. All which penalties & forfeitures to be incurred by force of the sayd ordinaunces, shalbe recovered by actiō of Debt, bill, playnt, or information, to be brought or exhibited & pursued in the Queenes maiesties court in the better Chamber of the Guildhall of this Cittie of London commonly called the mayors court by and in the name of the Chamberlayne of this Cittie for the tyme being. And all sommes of money and forfeitures so to be recovered ouer & aboue the charges of the sute, shalbe imployed in foyme following. That is to say, one third part to thuse of the Mayor & comminaltye & Cittyzes of this Cittie, the one other third part to the reliefe of the poore in Christs hospitall in this Cittie, and the other third part to such persons as shall present & geue information of such offence and doe his diligence that the offender may be duely conuicted. And for that no manner of person or persons shall heareafter excuse themselves for lack of warning, neither be ignorant of the aforesayd lawes and rates aboue recited. Wherby sayd Lord Mayor and his right worshipfull brethren the Aldermen haue thought good by publique proclamation to thend to take away as much as in them lieth all such fayned & vntrew allegations & excuses openly to publish and proclayme the sayd law and ordinaunce that the same may be obserued accordingly. Beuen at the Guildhall of this honorable Citie of London this present xxviii. of October in the xviii. yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth.

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*God saue the Queene.*

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